

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Σ₁ -- Provision is beneficially made for the last, preferably three, hot-rolling passes of the finishing rolling train to be carried out without recrystallization on a reversing roll stand from coil to coil in the ~~noncritical~~ temperature range from 260°C to 280°C, which is below the recrystallization temperature, and, immediately thereafter and utilizing the rolling heat, for each coiled finished coil to be fed to a continuous pusher-type furnace for coils, in which the finished coils are heated to recrystallization temperature (315°/320°C). --

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Σ₂ -- Taking into account the finding that the hot process for the production of the aluminum strip for can making is, from many points of view, of decisive importance for the performance of the end product the last three hot-rolling passes are carried out from coil to coil on a finishing rolling mill, specifically for a minimill concept. A finishing rolling mill of this type comprises an individual reversing roll stand with coilers arranged on both sides, so that, in the first place, the high investment costs for the four-high finishing roll stands of a multi-stand rolling train are dispensed with. Since the temperature management and the rolling and pause times - especially in the case of minimill concepts - are critical, the invention provides for the strip to be rolled in the ~~noncritical~~ range from 260°C to 280°C, which is below the recrystallization temperature of the strip, and only then, and utilizing the rolling heat, to heat said strip to recrystallization temperature in a subsequent furnace. A furnace of this type only has to apply the temperature difference of about 40°-60°C between the rolling temperature and the recrystallization temperature, and thus achieves a favorable energy balance. Annealing before or during the cold-rolling can be dispensed with as a result of the process of the invention. The structure (the cubic texture) corresponds to the product produced on multi-stand hot-strip finishing rolling mills, without the high investment needed there being required. --